if not, what are the reasons for delay;

(d) whether delay in non-implementation of the recommendations has worsened the problem of drug abuse in the country;

(e) whether Government had arranged funds for the purpose in the Sixth Five Year Plan; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what other action Government propose to take to tackle the problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) The news item appeared in the 16th June 1984 issue of the "SUN" Weekly and not in the 16th July, 1984 issue.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). The action to implement the recommendations had to be initiated by various Ministries of Government of India. Accordingly this Ministry had written to the Ministry of Finance, Home Affairs, Education and Social Welfare, Information and Broadcasting in January, 1978 drawing their attention to the specific paragraphs of the Report for taking necessary action. So far as the action by Ministry of Health is concerned, a new Schedule (Schedule 'X') has been added to the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules for exercising stricter control over the import, manufacture and sale of psychotropic substances. The question as to whether the subject Drug Abuse should be dealt with by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare or by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is under consideration of the Coordination Committee.

(e) and (f) A lump sum provision of Rs. 45 lakhs was made in the Sixth Five Year Plan. No expenditure has, however been incurred so far on the scheme due to non-approval of the Scheme.

Setting up of a Post-graduate Medical Institute in Calcutta

1663. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government proposed to set up a Post-graduate Medical Institute in Calcutta on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, and the Post-graduate Institute, Chandigarh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) The Government of India have not received any proposal in this regard from the State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

INTRODUCTION OF FAST PASSENGER TRAINS

1664. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways propose to run more fast passenger trains in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the names of the trains proposed to the run; and

(c) by when these are likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The Railways are always open to suggestions and requests in the matter of running of additional passenger trains subject to availability of coaching stock, locomotives and paths.

(b) and (c) Besides the number of fast passenger trains already introduced, one other train in the immediate future being considered for introduction is the Jammu Tawi Kanyakumari Weekly Express whichi s expected to be inaugurated very shortly.

Admission to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences Wardha

1665. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the process of admission to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sewagram, Wardha;

(b) what is the percentage of students from wardha and other places in Maharashtra who got admitted during the last three years; and

(c) what is the percentage of aid given by the Central Government to the Institute?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) As per prospectus for admission to the MBBS Course for 1984-85 of the Institute, there are 63 seats for admission in the MBBS Course. Out of these, 8 seats are filled by nomination of candidates by the Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and the Kasturba Health Society. Rest of the seats are filled through open competitive examination on all India basis. The distribution of seats for admission for 1984-85 in the Institute will be as follows:—

1. *Nominations*:—

(a) Government of India ..4

(b) Government of Maharahtra.. 2

(c) Kasturba Health Society 2

2. *Open Competition*

(a) *Maharashtra*

(i) S. C. 4

(ii) S. T. Denotified & Nomadic Tribes 2

(iii) Rural Areas 6

(iv) Others 15

(b) Non-Maharashtra

(i) S. C 4

(ii) S. T. Denotified & Nomadic Tribes

(iii) Rural Areas 6

(iv) Others 16

(b) The information is not readily available.

(c) The Government of India bears 50 per cent of the annual recurring expenditure on the Institute.

Doubts regarding safety measures in respect of Metro Railways, Calcutta

1666. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some experts had raised doubts about the safety measures taken in respect of the Metro Railways, Calcutta before its start on July 1, 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Some experts from Paris Underground Railway System as well as from the London Underground Railway System, U.K. had visited the Metro Railway and the Circular Railway at Calcutta towards the end of February 1984. They had not raised any doubts about the safety measures taken in respect of the Metro Railway Calcutta by any date.

(b) Does not arise.